

Captain Joe Tuite

Commanding Officer, Supervisor of Shipbuilding Gulf Coast

Capt. Joe Tuite was born and raised in Kearny, New Jersey. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering and was commissioned as a surface warfare officer.

Following graduation, Tuite was assigned to USS Jouett (CG 29) where he was assigned as the main propulsion assistant. Following this tour, Tuite was a member of the precommissioning crew of USS Harper's Ferry (LSD 49) where he was again assigned as the main propulsion assistant. In January 1997, Tuite reported to the Naval Post Graduate School (NPS) where he earned his master's degree and Professional Engineer's License in mechanical engineering. While assigned to NPS, Tuite transferred to the engineering duty officer program.



His next tour was Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, where he worked on several SSN 688 availabilities and served as shipyard docking officer. Tuite then reported as an instructor in the Naval Architecture Department at the U.S. Naval Academy. He then reported to Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair (SUPSHIP), Gulf Coast in June 2003 to serve as the LHD 8 production officer. In February 2006 he reported to PEO ships and worked in the Large Deck Amphibious Program Office (PMS 377).

In September 2007 Tuite reported to U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) headquarters to be the deputy program manager in the Combatant Craft Program Office. Here he worked closely with the end users to maintain current assets and develop future combatant crafts. While at SOCOM, Tuite completed an individual augmentee with the Army Corps of Engineers in Baghdad, Iraq. Tuite reported once again to SUPSHIP, Gulf Coast in March 2010 as program manager's representative for the LPD Program. He became SUPSHIP, Gulf Coast's Executive Officer in July 2012. Tuite assumed command of Supervisor of Shipbuilding Gulf Coast in March 2014.

CAPT Tuite's personal decorations include the Joint Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (four awards) and various other naval campaign, unit, and service medals.